records are required by parties on a large scale, the period prescribed now is very short. Hence the period of three years may be extended to six years.

Reply of Government.—The rules which in civil cases provide for a period of 12 years and in criminal cases for 20 years in regard to documents in sessions and warrant cases and 5 years in summons cases were explained to the members.

SUBJECT No. 68.

Small Cause and Original Cases to be entertained in different courts.

Mr. H. Venkatachaliengar, Yedatore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under the existing system the District Judge's court has jurisdiction over certain original and appeal cases, while the Principal and Additional Munsiffs' and Sub-Judges' courts are empowered to entertain original and small cause cases. This arrangement of giving jurisdiction over both the original and small cause cases in these courts retards disposal of the latter and often entails 2 or 3 adjournments to the great inconvenience and loss to the parties concerned. Pray that small cause cases alone be made to be entertained in a particular court and the original cases alone in another, or a separate court be established for the disposal of small cause cases only.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 69.

A paid typist as copyist.

Messrs. M. L. Narasimha Char, Hassan District Board, and K. Ramanna, Hole-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The parties and other people require the civil courts to prepare legibly and deliver to them the copies of decrees, judgments or other proceedings. Each civil court expects to collect Rs. 60 to Rs. 100 or more a month. According to the order issued on the subject, the judges of the courts in appointing the copyists ought to give preference to candidates who are trained to type. If the judges are definitely authorised to exercise their discretion to appoint or select a candidate who can buy a typewriter at his own cost and do the work of a copyist when the maximum income of Rs. 25 a month is guaranteed, the parties will have more legibly written copies than at present. It is therefore prayed that in addition to one or two vernacular copyists who get their remuneration according to the copies they prepare and an examiner, one English-knowing copyist, who knows typing, may also be appointed by the judges as suggested above.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 70.

Custody of prisoners.

Mr. B. Usmankhan, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Prays that prisoners under remand may be retained in Police custody from 6 A.M. to 5 P.M., and afterwards transferred to district or taluk lock-ups.

Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit, Hanumappa, Vasudeva Rao and C. Srinivasa Rao, supported the suggestion.

Reply of Government.—Noted.